

(SSIs) closing or locking out in view of increasing competition is not maintained centrally.

(c) and (d) The data on the number of employees who lost their livelihood due to closures and lock outs in the SSI sector are not maintained centrally. However, works and technicians rendered jobless due to closure and lock out of SSI units can avail of the self-employment opportunities under the Pradhan Mantri Rozgar Yojana and Rural Employment Generation Programme being implemented by the Central Government throughout the country.

Comprehensive promotional package for SSIs

1167. SHRIMATI N. P. DURGA: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that a comprehensive promotional package for SSI sector has been prepared and the Cabinet approval has also been obtained for this purpose recently;

(b) if so, what are the salient features of the promotional package which helps to boost the SSI sector in the country;

(c) how the proposed package would free the SSI sector from the Inspector Raj,

(d) whether there is any component in the package for providing them with technological support; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHAVIR PRASAD): (a) to (e) The Government will announce the package for promotion of micro and small enterprises soon.

Plastic bag manufacturing industrial units

1168 SHRI R. SHUNMUGASUNDARAM Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) how many small scale industrial units manufacturing plastic bags